

Sept 30 deadline to apply for Peranti Siswa tablets

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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob with Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad (right) and Communications and Multimedia Minister Tan Sri Annuar Musa during the launch of the Peranti Siswa Keluarga Malaysia initiative at Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) in Shaha Alam. - NSTP/ASWADI ALIAS.

SHAH ALAM: Students eligible for the Peranti Siswa tablets should submit their applications by Sept 30.

Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad said the ministry was consistent in its agenda to strengthen the digitalisation agenda through improvement in the areas of infrastructure, lecture room equipment, and curriculum.

"All this is to provide the best and modern educational ecosystem to benefit of our higher education institutes.

"Therefore, I urge students who have not applied for the Peranti Siswa to take this opportunity. The applications will be open till Sept 30, 2022," she said at the launch of the Peranti Siswa Keluarga Malaysia initiative at Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) here, today.

She hoped the initiative would be expanded to benefit 1.6 million students at more than 600 higher education institutes nationwide.

Noraini said the main focus in the Higher Education Ministry's long-term plan was on the accessibility of devices and Internet under the National Higher Education Digitalisation Plan.

"During the pandemic, more than 10,000 laptops were distributed to students.

"About RM3.8 million was also spent to provide a one-off payment of RM50 to new 76,153 students under the Data Plan Aid for the 2020/2021 academic session," she added.

Meanwhile, Communications and Multimedia Minister Tan Sri Annuar Musa said damaged tablets could be replaced.

"If it is damaged in the floods or a fire, do not worry, a new device will be given to you," he added.

On Aug 4, Annuar in Parliament had said the distribution of the Peranti Siswa tablets for B40 students was expanded to four categories of education levels — those in Education Ministry matriculation programmes, foundation courses at public universities, Form Six students (first and second semesters), and diploma students at vocational colleges.

Previously, only students enrolling in public and private higher education institutions were allowed to apply for the device.